



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter

20th October 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER -  
FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER**  
Half Term

**MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER**  
Children Return to School

**TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER**  
Individual and Sibling Photographs

**THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER**  
Forms 4 and 6 School Experience  
Eden Oasis


**SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER**  
Remembrance Sunday


**MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER**  
Odd Sock Day - Antbullying Week  
Parent's Evening  
3.40pm - 6pm


**TUESDAY 14th NOVEMBER**  
Parent's Evening  
5 - 8pm



## STARS OF THE WEEK

 KS1 Heidi Berryman  
KS2 Freya Gower

 KS1 Flora Smith  
KS2 Harriet Hawes

 KS1 Alexandra Hayward  
KS2 Eliza Cowell

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Sienna Alani, Jesse Hodges,  
Ottis Lofthouse, Arthur Galpin,  
Rosie Kirby, George Barnett,  
Sienna Crozier, Mrs Guest  
and Ms White  
a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

How the weather has turned this week! I would like to thank you all for maintaining our high standards of uniform expectations. The children all look so smart and it is always noticed how well presented all of the children look. Please note, it changes to winter uniform after half term. Therefore, boys can wear long trousers, girls in their winter dresses, green hats and they all can wear duffle coats, hats and scarves.

I fully understand how hard it can be with escorting children both on the way to and back from school. After having phone calls from local residents, may I kindly ask that you ensure that your children remain respectful to our local surroundings and in particular the churchyard at All Saints'. Thank you for your help and support in maintaining the outstanding reputation that we have within our local community.

Following on from the wonderful Harvest service, I can confirm that all of the food donations have been distributed to the Dengie and Maldon food banks. In addition to this, we have also given bags to the local residents and some care homes in Tiptree. We have had some lovely thank you cards sent through to us and it demonstrates just how much it means to everyone. Thank you gain for your generosity.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Jacob Simpson who won the award this week for working extremely hard in class and trying his best with his independent writing. Well done, Jacob. Congratulations to Matthew in Reception who was awarded a Cool to be Kind award.

**NURSERY** - The children were very excited to see our Dinosaur Tuff Tray when they arrived in Nursery this week. They had great fun handling them and exploring the conkers, autumn leaves and twigs we had placed in the tray. The role play zone became a Bakery this week, the children have been pretending to bake cakes and bread. For Funky Fingers this week, the children have been playing with playdough and listening to music as they rolled it out and made a variety of shapes with it. After half term, we will be exploring the topic Fireworks and Colours. For optional homework, please send in a colourful firework picture and / or send in a photo for our Around the World Board.  
Mrs Kim Callaghan



**PRE-RECEPTION** - This week in Pre-Reception we have been discussing Autumn and the changes we see happening during this time. The children enjoyed a local walk to Leeches Garden to collect Autumnal items, ticking items off their checklist as they went. We found lots of leaves, pine cones and even some conkers. We explored these items back at school in our tuff tray with the magnifying glasses. The children have also been experimenting with the computer and the paint program developing their hand-eye co-ordination skills. They used the mouse to click and drag and add lots of colour to their Autumn leaf, the children thought about the different marks and colours they might see on the leaves.  
Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell



**RECEPTION** - Reception have enjoyed learning about Autumn over the last few weeks. On Tuesday, we put on our wellies and fleeces and walked down to Leeches Garden to collect some Autumn leaves for our mud kitchen. We also took an Autumn checklist with us. We were a little disappointed that we didn't find any acorns beneath the oak trees. We think the squirrels must have got there before us! We all had a wonderful time and it was lovely to visit our local area. Miss Wayman



**FORM 1** - In PSHE Form 1 have been learning all about friendships. We had a lovely lesson this week where we needed to pair up with somebody who we wouldn't usually choose and find out interesting facts about them. We completed a very competitive team game as well. By the end of the lesson the children had formed some wonderful new close friendships and excellent team working skills. Well done Form 1.

*Miss Vaughan*



**FORM 2** - Form 2 have been learning about Italy in our Modern Foreign Languages lessons and this week, to celebrate World Food Day, we decided to look at Italian herbs. We explored fresh and dried herbs through smelling, looking and feeling and decided on our favourites! We decided to keep them to create some potions and a kitchen garden...our classroom is very fragrant!

*Mrs Caldwell*



**PE** - The sporting curriculum has continued with the introduction of three new sports, these are hugely popular and the children just couldn't get enough of them. We played tchouckball and handball during our lessons and corn hole and benchball during sports club. These are highly inclusive games that quickly become very tactical and energetic. The children have excelled themselves in taking on these new sports with such enthusiasm. This week also marks the final swimming lessons of the half term for Forms 5 and 6. We have seen exceptional progress under the expert tuition of the swimming teachers at Blackwater Leisure and the children are excelling in this new provision.

*Mr Coyle*



**GIRLS FOOTBALL** - On Monday, some of our Form 4, 5 and 6 girls took part in a Girls Football Taster session at Beacon Hill Rovers Football Club, hosted by Great Totham School. For some of our children, this was the first time of playing football and all the children thoroughly enjoyed trying out the individual skills, drills and passing. They then ended the session with some mini matches. All girls thoroughly enjoyed their time at Beacon Hill and many, excited to play more football again soon. Well done Maldon Court  
 Mr Coyle and Miss Broadbridge



**DODGEBALL** - On Tuesday, some of our Form 5 and Form 6 children competed at the Colchester Blackwater Schools Sports Partnership Dodgeball tournament at Colchester Leisure World alongside 16 other schools in the district. In the first round, we won 2 out of the 3 matches, which was a fantastic result! We then went on to play our following round of games, where we won all 3 final games and to finish 9<sup>th</sup> place overall. Maldon Court showed exemplary, courteous

and gracious behaviour towards all opposing teams and were complimented on their great sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Well done to everyone involved.

Miss Broadbridge



**PE Timetable - W/C 6th NOVEMBER**

Day	Form	Lesson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Sports Club for Forms 3 and 4 collection at 4.15pm	On site
<b>Thursday</b>	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
<b>Friday</b>	Reception	On site PE
	Forms 5 and 6	Swimming

**Wishing you all a lovely half term**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Good afternoon parents. Our children have worked really hard to create amazing Christmas designs and we are excited to announce our My Child's Art portal is open to view their creations. Orders are placed directly through the portal with a large amount of products available. Any orders placed fundraises 20% of your total back to our school so we appreciate your support. Please refer to the ParentMail and leaflets sent out for more details and the portal codes. Have a fabulous and restful half term break. Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.

**MENU W/C 6th NOVEMBER**



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Cheese, ham and tomato pasta bake served with sweet corn and salad	Flapjack or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Cottage pie served with peas and gravy	Raspberry jelly or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Chicken fajita bake served with roasted vegetable, rice and salad	Lemon drizzle cake or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Chicken burger served with chips and salad	Chocolate chip cookies or fruit

